

## ASSOCIATION OF ACCREDITED ADOPTION ORGANISATIONS



**Final programme – “Open Days” - 22. – 23. April 2010**

### **“GOOD PRACTICE IN INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTIONS”**

**English** will be the only working language.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Open Day (half day)

14.00 hrs: Welcome from EurAdopt / Government of Norway / organisers.

Mr. Angelo Moretto, (Chairperson of EurAdopt).

Ms. Henriette Westhrin, (State Secretary, Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion).

14.30 hrs: **The inter-country adoption scene** Chair: I. Lammerant  
International Consultant and Trainer - Children’s Rights, Family Law and Adoption, Geneva and lecturer at Freiburg University, Switzerland

Ms. Isabelle Lammerant: **Has the approach to intercountry adoption changed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Future changes to be expected?**

15.00 hrs: Ms. Wambui Njuguna (Chairperson of Africawide Movement for Children, and regional Director of African Network for Protection and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, ANPPCAN East Africa): **Strategies for improvement of Family Based Care in Africa.**

15.30 hrs: Dr Benyam Mezmur (Community Law Centre, University of Western Cape, South Africa. PhD thesis focused on intercountry adoption in the African context: **“Intercountry adoption in Africa: “When and how is it the best solution?”**

16.00 hrs: Coffee/tea break.

16.30 hrs: Marlène Hofstetter: (Head of adoption department, Terre des Hommes, Switzerland): **Overview of the European situation; are we addressing the real needs? With focus on Africa and Europe**

17-18.00 hrs: Discussion

19.00 hrs: Dinner at the hotel (included).

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Open Day (full day)

09.00 hrs: **Challenges in inter-country adoptions:** (Chair: Young Kuk Kim)

09.15 Gera ter Meulen (ADOC) **“Bridging adoption science and practice; the potential of ADOC”**

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- 09.45 Mr. Morten Stephansen (Deputy Director General of the Norwegian Central Authority on Adoptions - "Bufdir"): **"Controlling the adoption bodies (accreditation, organisation, finances)"**
- 10.35 Ms. Janice Peyre (representing the adoptees' and parents' association EFA, France), **"The views of adoptive families"**.
- 11.05 Coffee / tea.
- 11.15 Jennifer Degeling HCCH **"Accreditation and accredited bodies: Good practices under the 1993 Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention."**
- 11.40 **Private adoptions**  
Karin Rønnow Søndergaard (Representative from the Danish Central Authority) **"Private adoptions"**
- 12.00 Nathalie Foulon (on behalf of the Belgian Central Authority): **"Private adoptions in Belgium"**
- 12.25 hrs: Lunch
- 13.30 hrs: **European Adoption Future** (panel/discussion chaired by EurAdopt leader Angelo Moretto).  
Production of a EurAdopt policy document.  
Participation from invited specialists / institutions / organisations. Pia Brandsnes DK, Ketil Lehland NO, Janice Peyre FR, Morten Stefansen NO, Peter Selman UK, Françoise Pasteur BE, TBA SP, Marlene Hofstetter TDH
- 14.30 hrs: Coffee/tea break (10 minutes)
- 14.40 hrs: Discussion continues
- 16.00 hrs: Closing.
- 17.00 hrs: Light meal at the hotel.
- 18.00 hrs: Guided sightseeing tour by bus in Oslo.  
NB! The sightseeing ends in the town centre, and there is no dinner included in the programme for Friday night. Participants may choose to organise their own dinner in town (and return by public transport) or to take the bus back and buy dinner at / near the hotel.
- 21.00 hrs: Bus departure from the City Hall to the Hotel.